UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: April 18, 1967

FROM : R. E. Wick

SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY
NOVEMBER 22, 1963
DALLAS, TEXAS

Reference is made to my memorandum of April 3, 1967 which pointed out that [redacted] writer, had been in touch with Garrison and received background material from him. At that time, [redacted] furnished Leinbaugh in my office a copy of a 6 1/2-page statement which Garrison's investigators had received from Perry Russo. [redacted] has now forwarded Leinbaugh a transcript of an interview with Perry Russo which took place at Mercy Hospital in New Orleans on February 27, 1967.

Dr. Nicholas Chetta of the New Orleans Parish Coroner's Office administered sodium pentothal to Russo. This document consists of a 3-page cover memorandum prepared by Andrew J. Sciambra and a 13-pages of questions and answers.

In the cover memorandum, reference is made to "Leon" and to "Oswald." Russo claims to have seen Leon in Ferrie's apartment cleaning a rifle with a telescopic site. Russo also said Leon had been Ferrie's roommate and said Leon had a bushy beard and that he was extremely dirty. Russo also said that after a beard had been added to a picture of Lee Harvey Oswald that this individual was very similar to Ferrie's roommate in appearance.

With reference to Ferrie, Russo allegedly said that in September and October, 1963, Ferrie "became obsessed with the idea that he could pull off a perfect assassination."

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It is interesting to note that throughout the question and answer sessions the bulk of the questions directed at Russo were leading in nature and obviously the interrogator was trying to plant suggestions with Russo. Several questions were directed to Russo regarding one Brett Wall and on page 10 Russo is asked if he knew whether Leon Oswald was married. Russo said that Oswald was married and his wife's name was Margaret.

Enclosure

1 - Mr. DeLoach
1 - Mr. Sullivan
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1 - Mr. Rosen
1 - Mr. Jones
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In connection with this material which he obtained from Garrison, [redacted] again pointed out that his identity as the source of this material should be fully protected; however, he had no objections to having this data furnished to the Attorney General or the President on a confidential basis.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that this memorandum and attachment be furnished to the Domestic Intelligence Division for evaluation and necessary dissemination.